

RG KAR HOSPITAL HORROR

Enough is enough: Prez on crimes against women

Bengal CM calls for capital punishment for convicted rapists

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President Droupadi Murmu on Wednesday said the August 9 rape and murder of a junior doctor in a Kolkata hospital has "dismayed and horrified" her, and asserted it is time for India to wake up to the "perversion" of crimes against women and counter the mindset that sees them as "less powerful, less capable, less intelligent".

"Enough is enough. No civilised society can allow daughters and sisters to be subjected to such atrocities," Murmu said, expressing anguish over crimes against women in an exclusive signed article for news agency *Press Trust of India (PTI)*.

"In 12 years since Nirbhaya (the gangrape and murder of a Delhi woman in 2012), countless rapes have been forgotten... this 'collective amnesia' is obnoxious," she said.

This was the President's first public statement since the horrific incident at Kolkata's RG Kar Hospital nearly twenty days ago.

Murmu said it is this objectification of women by a few that is behind the crimes against women, which is "ingrained deeply".

In her article, Murmu said the recent spate of crimes against women should force honest self-inspection to uncover the roots of the malaise. "I was dismayed and horrified when I came to hear of it," she said, adding that it is more depressing that it is part of a series of crimes against women.

Murmu said: "The nation is bound to be outraged, and so am I."

The President urged the media to be fearless while reporting, noting that the fourth estate plays a big role in shaping the country and society.

"Media ko nirbhikta se kam karna chahiye (media should work fearlessly)," she commented. "Kabhi satya se hatna nahi chahiye (It should



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MAMATA BANERJEE
Chief minister, West Bengal

never deviate from the truth."

"You are a journalist but you are also a citizen. I too am a citizen. What you are concerned about, I am equally concerned about," she remarked.

Murmu believed that India's ambitious bid to host the 2036 Olympics is a step in the right direc-

tion as it would not just inspire people but also promote meritocracy in the country's sporting landscape.

"I do like watching sports although I did not get too many opportunities to play. But when I could, I preferred Indian sports," Murmu told *PTI*.

"The Olympics should definitely happen in India. It would inspire people and promote merit in sports," the president, who also wrote an exclusive signed article for *PTI* on crimes against women, said.

A decision on the host country is not expected to be taken before 2026 and could even come in 2027 as the International Olympic Committee will initiate the process only after holding its elections next year.

The President's comments came on a day that West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee, whose government has been criticised by the Supreme Court, the civil society and opposition parties for its lackadaisical approach in the investigation, advocated capital punishment to the convicted.

Banerjee said an amendment to the existing laws will be passed in the State Assembly next week to ensure capital punishment to convicted rapists. She said that she would sit for dharna outside Raj Bhawan here if the governor delays in giving assent to the amended bill or forwards it to the President for ratification.

Meanwhile, daily life was partially affected in West Bengal on Wednesday due to a 12-hour shutdown called by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), protesting police action against demonstrators during a march to 'Nabanna', the state secretary.

On Tuesday, clashes broke out between police and protesters in different parts of Kolkata and Howrah as the latter tried to march towards 'Nabanna' to demand Banerjee's resignation.

Centre suggests states to conduct night patrols, limit access to hospitals



Medics continue to protest against the rape and murder of a trainee doctor at RG Kar Medical College, on Wednesday

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The Centre on Wednesday asked states to conduct night patrols, security audits of district hospitals and regulate access to big health facilities as part of the measures to prevent violence against medics and ensure their safety.

The virtual meeting was co-chaired by secretaries of the Union home and health ministries and attended by chief secretaries and director generals of police (DGPs).

The meeting comes a day after the ten-member National Task Force (NTF), appointed by the Supreme Court met for the first time to formulate a protocol for the safety and security of healthcare professionals. The task force had decided to hold wider consultations with other stakeholders.

"The meeting was in pursuance of the Supreme Court's order dated August 22 to ensure that certain basic minimum measures are put in place by the state governments and union territories (UTs) pending receipt of the report of NTF to address the concerns of the doctors over their safety at their workplaces," an official source said.

The officers of state and UT administrations apprised the Centre about the steps taken by them to enhance security and provide a safer working environment for healthcare workers across public and private hospitals, medical colleges and other healthcare institutions.

"These included provision of chief security officers in hospitals and medical colleges, police verification of con-

IMA suspends former RG Kar Hospital principal



The Indian Medical Association on Wednesday suspended the membership of former RG Kar Medical College and Hospital principal Sandip Ghosh, amid a CBI probe into the rape and murder of a junior doctor at the Kolkata-based institute earlier this month. The decision was taken by its disciplinary committee.

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tractual and outsourced employees working in government hospitals and joint security audits at government district hospitals and medical colleges by district magistrates, the superintendent of police along with the dean or director of these institutions," the source added.

The Centre further requested officers to ensure the installation of CCTV cameras at blind spots, display of revamped positions under Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and integration with '112' helpline for healthcare workers in the hospitals with high footfall.

PARALYMPICS BEGIN TODAY



Para javelin champion Sumit Antil and shotput star Bhagyashri Jadhav are India's flagbearers for the opening ceremony of the Paralympic Games

Just weeks after hosting the Olympics, the summer of sports in Paris begins its final chapter Wednesday with the opening ceremony of the Paralympic Games.

More than 4,000 athletes with physical, visual and intellectual impairments will compete in 22 sports over the next 11 days.

India is sending its largest-ever contingent to Paris, with 84 athletes competing across 12 sports, including 38 female and 46 male athletes.

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GOOGLE MEET INTRODUCES AI NOTE-TAKING FEATURE



Unveiled last year, this Gemini AI-powered feature automatically takes notes during meetings and provides a summary of discussions for late joiners. The feature will be available exclusively on Google Meet for PCs to all Workspace customers with either Gemini Enterprise, Gemini Education Premium, or AI Meetings and Messaging add-ons by September 10.

Instagram brings "add text to images" via editor

Meta-owned social media platform Instagram has launched a new feature that allows users to add text to their photos directly from the post editor, eliminating the need for a separate app. Additionally, users can now layer one photo over another as a sticker within the post editor.

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR 9th Round OF E-AUCTION – PUNJ LLOYD LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)

Sale of the Company on a going concern basis and in alternate various Set of Assets of the Company pursuant to the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016

Announcing the 9th round of e-auction for sale of various 'Set of Assets' of Punj Lloyd Limited – in Liquidation ("the Company"), including the sale of the Company on a going concern basis and sale of certain assets of the Company on collective basis, as per details mentioned in the table below, through public e-auction process. The Company is undergoing liquidation pursuant to the Order dated 27 May 2022, of Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi. The Company is incorporated in 1988, is a well-diversified business conglomerate, engaged in the business of Engineering, Procurement and Construction with geographic presence across India and Middle East Countries offering services in Energy, Road and Infrastructure along with manufacturing capabilities in the Defence sector.

Interested applicants may refer to the detailed 'Asset Sale Process Memorandum for 9th round of e-auction' ("ASPM") uploaded on website of the Company <http://www.punjlyloydgroup.com/liquidation-documents> and also on E-Auction website <https://ncltauction.auctiontiger.net>.

The Auction Sale will be done through the E-Auction platform: <https://ncltauction.auctiontiger.net>.

The details of the assets of the Company proposed to be sold in the 9th round of e-auction are as follows:

Set of Asset	Asset Description	Manner of sale	Date and time of E-Auction	Reserve Price (in INR)	EMD Amount (in INR) & Submission deadline
Category A					
Asset Set 1	Sale of Punj Lloyd Limited as a whole (excluding certain assets as provided in the 'ASPM')	On a Going Concern Basis	26 September 2024 from 10:00 hours IST to 12:00 hours IST	449.00 Crore	10.00 Crore On or before 23 September 2024
Asset Set 2	Sale of Punj Lloyd Limited as a whole (excluding assets as provided in the 'ASPM' and no upfront value for live arbitration cases as mentioned in Schedule B of the ASPM. Net receivables in the live arbitration cases post the Transfer Date, shall be distributed amongst the SCC and the Company on 50:50 sharing ratio. Other terms of Asset Set 2 are mentioned in ASPM)	On a Going Concern Basis	26 September 2024 from 10:00 hours IST to 12:00 hours IST	352.00 Crore	10.00 Crore On or before 23 September 2024
Category C*					
Asset Set 3	Sale of Arbitration Assets of Punj Lloyd Limited	On Collective Basis	27 September 2024 from 10:00 hours IST to 12:00 hours IST	225 Crore	10 Crore On or before 24 September 2024
Category D*					
Asset Set 4	Sale of Leasehold land, building and Plant & Machinery at Malanpur, Madhya Pradesh	On Collective Basis	27 September 2024 from 10:00 hours IST to 12:00 hours IST	96.13 Crore	INR 9.61 Crore On or before 24 September 2024
Asset Set 5	Sale of Plant & Machinery at Kakrapara site, Gujarat	On Collective Basis	27 September 2024 from 10:00 hours IST to 12:00 hours IST	62 Lakh	6.20 Lakh On or before 24 September 2024
Asset Set 6	Sale of Plant & Machinery at Bangladesh Bhutan Road Project site	On Collective Basis	27 September 2024 from 10:00 hours IST to 12:00 hours IST	1.22 Crore	12.20 Lakh On or before 24 September 2024

* It is clarified that if a Successful Bidder is declared for Asset Set 1 or Asset Set 2 under Category A, i.e., Sale of the Company on a going concern basis, then the Liquidator reserves the right to cancel e-auction of all Asset Sets under Category C and Category D respectively. Further, the Liquidator also reserves the right to cancel e-auction of any or all Category (ies) and/or Set of Asset(s) being sold under 9th round of e-auction.

Further, as per the provisions of the IBBI (Liquidation Process) Regulations, 2016, as amended, all interested bidders for the respective Category (ies) and/or Set of Asset(s) are required to submit the Expression of Interest along with the requisite eligibility documents on or before 13 September 2024 as provided in the 'ASPM'.

The Liquidator reserves the right to amend the key terms of the sale process including timelines for any or all Category (ies) and/or Set of Asset(s) being sold in the 9th round of e-auction, to the extent permissible under the applicable laws and regulations. Any information about amendments/extension of any of the timelines with respect to the sale process timelines for any or all Category (ies) and/or Set of Asset(s) will be available on the Company's website and communicated to the Eligible/Qualified/Successful Bidder(s).

Please scan the QR code below for accessing short videos containing information and credentials regarding Asset Set 1 & 2 and for Asset Set 4:



(Asset Set 1&2)



(Asset Set 4)

Please scan the QR code below for sale teasers regarding Asset Set 1 & 2 and for Asset Set 4:



(Asset Set 1&2)



(Asset Set 4)

Nothing contained herein shall constitute a binding offer or a commitment for sale of assets of the Company including sale of the Company as a whole, on a going concern basis.

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Sd/-
Ashwini Mehra
Liquidator

(Regn No: IBBI/IPA-001/IP-P00388/2017-18/10706)

Punj Lloyd Limited - in Liquidation
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